

Josep Comas i Solà International Summer School in Astrobiology

Planet Mars



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A professional school for everyone (students, postdocs, established scientists) concerned with the quest for evidence of life on Mars, presented by leaders of the American and European Mars exploration communities. Background reviews of the evolution of the planet and its surface environment will be complemented by forward-looking discussions and workshops on orbiters and landers, especially those that are currently active or are being planned.

A geological field trip to a nearby Cretaceous-Tertiary boundary section will conclude the week.

This annual school in Astrobiology is named for Spanish astronomer Josep Comas i Solà. There will be a special evening lecture on the Cassini-Huygens mission to celebrate his discovery of the atmosphere of Titan in 1908.

Directors:

Juan Pérez Mercader, Director, *Centro de Astrobiología, Madrid*

Bruce Runnegar, Director, *NASA Astrobiology Institute*

Secretary:

Antonio Gaiquinta, *Centro de Astrobiología, Madrid*

Lecturers:

Álvaro Giménez Cañete, *European Space Agency*: Head of Research and Scientific Support

Laurie A. Leshin, *Arizona State University*: President's Commission on U.S. Space Exploration Policy

Gerhard Neukum, *Freie Universität, Berlin*: Principal Investigator of the High Resolution Stereo Camera on board ESA's Mars Express.

David A. Paige, *University of California, Los Angeles*: Scientific Principal Investigator for NASA's Mars Polar Lander Mission

David Southwood, *Imperial College, London*: Science Director of the European Space Agency

Steven A. Squyres, *Cornell University*: Scientific Principal Investigator for the Mars Exploration Rovers

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